Exemption to Small Scale Units from DPCO

598. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee has made recommendations in regard to exemptions of Small Scale Units from Drug Price Control Order;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any exemption was allowed to the Small Scale Units under DPCO, 1979;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether any relaxation is allowed under DPCO, 1987; and

(f) if so, on whose reommendations such relaxations have been granted in each case?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) For the present, the Govt. has no intention of withdrawing the exemption granted to SSI Units vide this Ministry Notification No.S.O.719(E) dt. 21.7.1988.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir, exemption from Price Control on Category-III formulations was allowed to SSI Units having annual sales-turn-over less than Rs. 50 lakhs under DPCO, 1979.

(e) All SSI Units are exempted from the operation of the DPCO, 1987, in so far as they relate to formulations specified in Category II of Third Schedule on the said Order, subject to qualifying the conditions stipulated in the notification No. S.O.719(E) dated 21.7.1988 of this Ministry.

(f) The relevant Orders were issued in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 31 of DPCO, 1979 and paragraph 28 of DPCO, 1987.

Price Control on Drugs

599. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee has adopted a new criterion in the Supplementary Report that those drugs which have been excluded from WHO essential list may be price decontrolled;

(b) if so, what are the names of drugs recommended for price decontrol;

(c) names of the producers, licensed capacity and production of each drug during the last three years, yearwise; and

(d) what was the price fixed of formulations based on each drug under DPCO, 1979 and DPCO, 1987 and what is the present price of each?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (*SHRI J. VENGAL RAO*): (a) to (d) The required details to the extent available, will be collected and laid on the table of the House.

Import of anti-cancer drugs

600. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that indigenous technology of certain anti-cancer drugs has been developed in the country and commercial production has been established since last four to five years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that licensed and installed capacity of each as well as production is much more than the demand of the country;

(c) whether it is also fact that these drugs are being exported and the same material is being imported thus wasting foreign exchange of the country;

(d) if so, names of those drugs and what is the import policy in regard to these drugs; and

(e) what are the reasons for allowing import of such drugs?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Working Group on Drugs and Pharmaceuticals for the Seventh Five Year Plan has estimated the demand for only two anti-cancer drugs viz. 5 Fluorouracil and Cyclophosphamide. The